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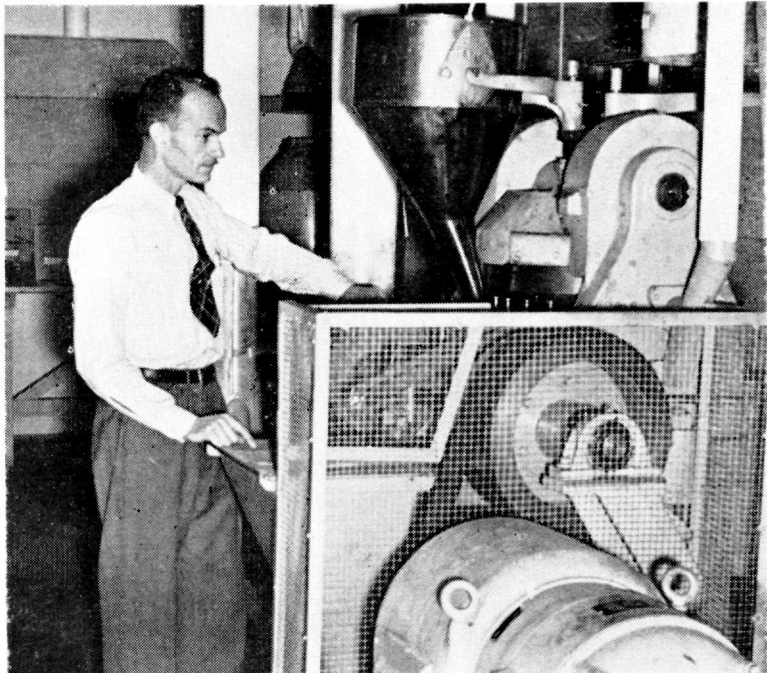
FIRE WEEK

The week of October 3 - 9 has been proclaimed by President Truman and Governors of the several states as FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

It was exactly seventy-seven years ago this week — October 8, 1871 — that Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over the lantern in a Chicago barn and started the famous Chicago Fire which is now an item in our history books. At that time, Chicago had a population of 306,605 and was a commercial center of great importance. The fire broke out near the lumber district on the west side, leaped the river to the south and finally to the north side. It burned over an area of 3½ miles, destroyed 17,450 buildings and property valued at \$196,000,000, made almost 100,000 homeless and killed 250 people. It burned for 27 hours.

11,000 Americans will die in fires this year and twice that number will be badly burned, according to the estimates of the National Fire Protection Association. At the current rate of burning, nearly \$2,000,000 worth of valuable goods will go up in smoke each day of the year. Somewhere in this land of ours a preventable fire breaks out every 20 seconds — right around the clock.

The Association lists the principal causes of fires in the following order: first, *Misuse of Electrical Equipment and Defective Wiring*; second, *Smoking*



Larry Haskins -- Foreman of the Battery Department

and Matches; third, *Defective Heating Equipment*; fourth, *Careless Handling of Flammable Liquids*. Most fires occur in: first, *Dwellings*; second, *Motor Vehicles*; third, *Stores and Shops*; fourth, *Apartments and Rooming Houses*.

We hear and read about the big fires, but there are many small fires that never make the papers. Some of

these occur in industry where production is hampered because of them. It is a good idea to check at the end of the work day to be sure that inflammable liquids are in proper containers, that there are no matches left in the pockets of work clothes, that soldering irons and all production equipment are turned off and that all oily or soiled rags are put away in their proper places. By taking reasonable care, we can help prevent the preventable fire that breaks out every 20 seconds.

The following Alphabetical advice is for our protection:

- Put out lighted matches and cigarettes before disposal.
- Replace electric cords when worn or frayed.
- Eliminate rubbish and unnecessary combustibles.
- Vertical openings in buildings must be cut off to prevent spread of fire.
- Educate school children in simple fire prevention.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Train everyone on what to do when fire breaks out.

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- Flameproof decorations in all public places.
- Inspect frequently all places where fire may occur.
- Replace wooden shingle roofs with fire-retardant roofings.
- Examine and maintain all fire appliances.
- Safeguard all heating equipment from surrounding combustibles.

NEW MERCURY BATTERY IN PRODUCTION

Used Principally in Hearing Aids

The Company has completed and put in operation facilities for manufacturing mercury batteries. The mercury battery principle has long been known, however its successful design and production like many other devices resulted from the accelerated pressures and technical requirements of World War II. With the development and extensive use of portable electronic communications equipment, better, smaller and longer life batteries were urgently needed by the armed forces.

The old style dry batteries similar to those used in flashlights and portable radios served fairly well, but under tropical conditions of heat and humidity, and where long storage and transport were encountered, these batteries if not useless upon arrival, failed after short use. The mercury batteries filled these requirements so well that millions were produced and played their part in our victory, especially in the Pacific.

The successful wartime use and apparent advantages of the mercury battery led to investigation of peacetime applications and a modified design which could compete with conventional batteries.

The mercury batteries which we are beginning to produce are manufactured in a somewhat similar form by another company and are sold principally for use in hearing aids. An increasing number of people are being helped in hearing today by hearing aids and the market appears to be growing. The

batteries, in addition to being sold with the original unit, are also sold in large volume for replacement purposes. One of the principal advantages which the mercury cell has over the ordinary carbon battery are smaller size and weight in relation to the comparative life of the batteries resulting in fewer changes per week. The mercury batteries also have more uniform performance and practically indefinite shelf or storage life thus assuring fresh cells at all times.

The new battery plant is located in Building 4 at Marshall Street. Larry Haskins is foreman of the department and the production engineer is Walter Schroeder.

All personnel connected with this new project are looking forward enthusiastically to a successful manufacturing division. Operations are beginning on a modest basis, but it is expected that the battery department will eventually employ approximately 100 people.

PROMOTION ANNOUNCED

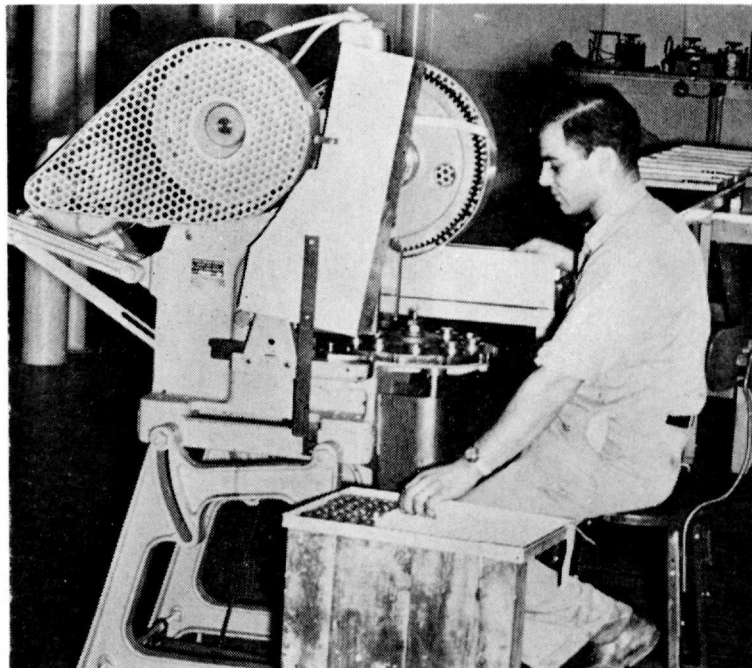
Mr. Ernest L. Ward has announced the promotion of Mr. William C. Carlton from the Production Engineering Department to succeed Mr. James Fitzgerald in the Sales Office handling customers' accounts.

Mr. Carlton was first employed here

as a draftsman in Mr. Burke's department in 1941. In 1942 he was promoted to Production Engineering where he has worked since then. He is married and has three children: Susan Barbara, Billy and Gerry Ann. They make their home at 54 Marietta Street.



William Carlton at his desk in the Sales Office



Frances Messina at work in the Battery Department

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Pitchers Do Run Dry

By E. T. Leech, Editor, The Pittsburgh Press

There's an old fable about a pitcher that couldn't run dry. No matter how much you poured out, there was always more.

A good many folks seem to think government and business are like this pitcher. Perhaps that belief is the biggest reason why inflation is getting out of hand.

Business and government have each been pouring out bigger and bigger benefits in recent years. And some politicians and union leaders encourage the belief that this can go on forever — like the fabled pitcher.

But suppose it runs dry — what then?

Folks who ask that question are regarded with suspicion. Obviously they are tightwads. Let the boss and the Government worry. Let's get ours while the getting's good.

It has become a habit, much emphasized by politicians, to say that business and workers have a common interest. The truth is that millions of persons have come not to believe this.

A deep chasm has been dug between the employer and those who work for him. A lot of people are busy trying to dig it deeper. It is hard for any employer to be heard across that chasm. Yet some common understanding is vital if we are to escape serious trouble. Business failures — especially among small firms — are rising sharply. A badly worried small employer writes: "What can I do to get my workers to understand our problems? Or must I just wait until it's too late?"

That's the biggest question of the day. Maybe it can't be answered. But it's certainly worth an honest effort, for American workers have always been pretty smart. Smart enough to know, for example, that there isn't any pitcher which can't run dry.

A good many of them have worked, in years past, for firms which ran dry. They know that it was a mighty un-

pleasant experience — not only for the boss, but even more so for the workers.

It all gets back to that old question of profits — and losses. For in spite of all that is claimed, this country doesn't have a "profit system." What it has is a profit-and-loss system — and over the years the majority of folks who started businesses have had losses, rather than profits. That's why most commercial ventures fail in the long run.

Lately we've been living in a fool's paradise. Both labor and business have been living in it. Labor has been getting round after round of wage increases, plus shorter hours and expensive benefits. Business has been paying the cost because it could raise prices and still sell what it made to a goods-hungry public with money burning in its pockets.

These repeated "rounds" of wage and price increases have been poured out of inflation. But suppose inflation can't be kept up forever — because, for one thing, it's too painful. Then you'll begin to see the bottom of the pitcher.

This is happening now in a number of lines — particularly amusements and retail stores and the so-called "service

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Beaver News

ENGINEERING SPECS

By H. Goodale and D. Beaupre

During the past few weeks most of our vacations have been reluctantly ended. Harold Farnum enjoyed an annual trip to the Cape with all its fishing, etc. Hazel Goodale enjoyed a week at Hamionasette Beach just loafing, swimming, fishing and eating.

Ray Calvi says he liked his trip along the Massachusetts — Maine Coast lines visiting various beaches on the way. Millie Forgea had a pleasant trip through the White Mountains with a stopover at Old Orchard Beach. Jane Zabek and Bob McPherson spent their



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Maurice Beaupre who were married September 11, in St. Anthony's church.

second week of vacation around their homes with a side trip to the Great Barrington Fair. Harold Rarick says he, too, had a pleasant second week. Emma Underwood, Rita Slade and Rita Bishe visited New York City again; they had an adventurous week. They were joined by Alice Hermann for a side trip to Washington, D. C. All went well after "Bish" caught up with her suitcase two days late.

To Dorothy Mancuso Beaupre goes orchids for the most noteworthy vacation of the season. Her wedding took place on September 11. She and her husband enjoyed a wedding trip through Canada and the White Mountains. Our best wishes to you, Dotty.

While all this has been going on, a few changes have taken place. We are happy to welcome four newcomers to the department. Francis Melito, a recent Drury graduate, formerly employed at the Mohawk Chief, has been assigned to the Blueprint Department. Laurette DeBlois, formerly of the Wall Streeter Shoe Company, will help Rita Slade. Ted Ziemiak who studied at the Massachusetts Trade School, has been added to Specifications. Bill Neumann, formerly of the Sample Department, is now with us again. We are glad to have you all here.

And, of course, we are happy to congratulate Billy Carlton and Jane Zabek on their recent advancements. We hope they like their new work. Billy Carlton is transferred to the Sales Office and Jane Zabek is now working for Walter Rohane in Mr. Teeple's Department.

Paper Rolling

By Hubba-Hubba

Happy birthday greetings to Kathleen Toohy and Lena Solomon.

Welcome to the new workers — Lucy Ciempa, Beatrice Marsh, Millie O'Grady and Dorothy Roy.

Congratulations to "Tony" Dupuis who recently was married to Roger Bombardier.

Ceil Rokita spent the holiday week-end in Gloucester, Mass.

Enis Montagna and Mary Troia spent their vacations in Miami, Florida.

F. P. Drys

By Florence Harris

We are glad to welcome Marilyn Peters back after her illness. We also welcome our newcomers, Alice Stevens and Gerald O'Grady.

We are going to miss Shirley Dobbert when she leaves to be married on October 16. Our best wishes go with her.

Vacations:

Olympia Domenick — Orange, Mass.
Lorraine Marceau — At home. Someone made a remark about a babysitter. How about that?

Minnie Geddes — New York City and

Providence, R. I.

June Bunting — Philadelphia and

Washington

Austin Rogge — At home.

Our sympathy to Delaphaine Grant on the death of her father.

F. P. Assembly

By Emma Massacani

Welcome to our department, Ray Crews. We hope you like working with us.

Our Sports Announcer is Wilfred Rondeau. He sure gave out with the old baseball talk.

The Roy Rogers of the F. P. Department and Evelyn Jones surely are tricky on a house. Whoa! You can teach Leah a few tricks.

You crimpers should go see your doctors. That noise (is it supposed to be singing?) sounds bad. You need something!

First it was Doris Cannedy; now it's Emma Reardon who is taking driving lessons.

Well, by the time this is read, the Yankees will have won the pennant and the World Series. We've had a lot of good clean arguing about the teams. Don't feel too bad, you Red Sox fans. Your team may come through some year.

Grace Roberts has been getting a lot of mail lately.

OUR SAFETY CORNER



Falling for a pretty girl is one thing but falling on a slippery floor is quite another. We know a guy who wouldn't take time to clean up scrap, put tools away or wipe up a puddle of oil. One day he slipped on some oil, hit the floor hard and passed out cold. After a week in the hospital and a week's rest at home, he came back to work with a new gleam in his eye.

"How come you keep things so neat nowadays?" Asked the foreman, watching the man clean up some sawdust.

"I learned the hard way," said the man. "You have to clean things up as you go."

MAKE EVERY DAY

CLEAN-UP-DAY IN THE SHOP!

A. C. TEST

By Portoritus

Welcome back to Jennie Marceau, our little ray of sunshine, who has just returned from a week's vacation. Jennie told your reporter that she went as far as Pittsfield one day.

All the gang on the line is waiting for Millie Biondello to get her license so they can ride in her new car!

We have a new story teller in the department — Louis Segala. Ask Red Johnson or Johnny Fortini; they haven't stopped laughing yet.

Welcome is extended to Alex White, our new degreaser. Hope you like it here with us.

Red Johnson's favorite expression when looking in a mirror: "I have so much more than Van. Why should I fight it?"

Looks like Alice still has Padgie. Here's hoping Mike's hand heals up fast, Mary Cantoni.

With Meadowbrook closed now for the season, it looks like all roads will lead to the Central Alleys where the Sprague Electric Company Men's League hold forth every Thursday night. Come on up and root for your favorite team.

Dudgie is still waiting for his new Ford. How long is it now?

Roy Trotter and Red Johnson ought to get together. Seems that they are both amateur mechanics; need I say more? Do you think it will ever run again, Red?



Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Paquette who were married July 31. The bride is Dorothy of Miscellaneous Paper Assembly; Walter Claude Tovoni, Jr., son of Loretta of Molded Tubulars; Pfc. Kenneth Boilat, son of Eva Thibodeau of PAA; Sheila Collette, daughter of William Collette of Dry Rolling; Francis Czerwinski of Resistors vacationing at a Dude Ranch; Brothers-in-law Jim Dolan of Plating Department and General Downey of Impregnating.



No experience or expense necessary to make these colorful dolls—just a pair of socks and a well-stocked scrap bag. The Mammy doll is toggled out in flowered blouse and bandanna, crisp white apron and kerchief. Pagliacci has a half-striped, half-plain suit and big cone hat with pom-pom trim. Features are embroidered. Doll making is an old craft and a delightful one because of the pleasure it gives. It's almost as much fun to play with these dolls as it is to make them.

Misc. Paper Finish

By Velma Lincoln

This brings to a finish the vacations in our department:

Josephine Mastalisz—Pittsfield and Albany. She also helped on her new home, and we know she likes blue.

Elizabeth Fleury—New York City and Boston. She went to the races at Aqueduct. What, no fights, Betty?

Gertrude Deso—Washington, D. C. and Virginia on a sightseeing trip.

Gertrude Hall—Found a tenement so she was very busy moving although she did get around in spite of that.

Ernest Dupce—Home getting acquainted with his baby daughter.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hunt—To Boston over the weekend. She says the foliage is beautiful now.

The new girls in our department are: Margaret Sherry, Mildred Millar, Lillian Aubin and Rose Casuscelli. Welcome, girls!

Upper Offices

By Flo and Sue

On September 17, we said Goodbye to Frank Gigliotti who joined us a few months ago. Good luck in the future, Frank.

Flo Southgate had a birthday on September 23 and we enjoyed a birthday cake that morning. Hope you had a happy birthday, Flo.

Our welcome mat is out for Jane Zabek who is now one of the Upper Office gang. Jane has been transferred to Mr. Teeple's Department.

Since football has opened with a bang, we no longer say "bye" on Friday nights. The password is "Save me a seat on the Fifty Yard Line."

Helen Root, Hazel Geraghty and Flo Southgate, whose birthdays are within two days of each other, celebrated by having dinner at the Heartwellville Lodge last week.

Misc. Paper Assembly

By Ruth Haskins

Millie Embry has returned from a September vacation at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Bertha Roy enjoyed a vacation at home.

Jessie Menczywor just can't resist looking out the window occasionally at her new car parked across the street. We don't blame you, Jessie. It's beautiful!

Eleanor Charbonneau has returned to her work after a leave of absence.

Phyllis Maruco, who has left us to accompany her husband to Illinois, was given a farewell luncheon by her co-workers. Phil received an appropriate gift and best wishes for a happy future in her new home.

MARSHALL STREET "Memos"

MISCELLANEOUS DRYS-DTOS

By Ceil Risch

Esther Bemis celebrated her birthday on September 24. She was serenaded by a group of her co-workers. By the way, the serenaders were all men. How do you rate that, Esther?

Ruth Kelley also had a birthday on September 21. Congratulations to both of you.

A trip to New York was enjoyed by Mary and Stan Ziaja, Ceil and Ernie Risch and Dot and Fran Royal—all Sprague employees. We were guests of Thelma and Sal LaRocca, former employees at Sprague's, who now live in Bayonne, N. J.

Congratulations to Mary Waldon and Paul Raedell who were married September 25, and to Ceil and Ernie Risch who celebrated their fifteenth wedding anniversary on that date.

Marie Lemieux is spending her vacation at home. Louis Daub spent his vacation at home, too.

BROWN STREET "BRIEFS"

Prokar Dept.

By Carol Bellard

Doris Tyler really gets to work on time since her Mom bought a car.

Have a good time at that wedding in Rutland, Agnes Vidal.

Dot Whipple spends her noon hour knitting. Nice going, Dot.

Irene Shepherd had a new saying—"That's my business." She keeps the Soldering Table in good spirits.

"Billie" Belanger has a new S.P. Who is it, Billie?

Welcome back to Gert Fields and Margaret Viell.

Anyone wishing good music for parties should get in touch with Hon. and Dot. Dot works in the Molding Department at Brown Street. Tune in on Thursday nights at 7:45 over WMNB for a sample of their rhythm.

P.P.A. MIDGET ASSEM. DEPT.

By Vickie La More

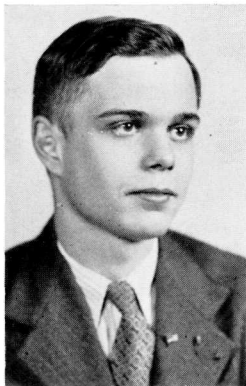
We always welcome all new girls in our department and hope they like us. We are glad you are feeling better, Jossie Gaspari, and that you are back to work with us.

Jeannette Bourgeois will be out on a two weeks' vacation. Have a good time Jeannette.

Mrs. Drysdale left to go back to her old job at the Beaver Plant. We hope her daughter gets well soon.

Mrs. Shand was given birthday gifts from the girls in our department.

The news that has not been entered is because of the shortage of space in the LOG.



Don Trahan who was employed in Industrial Oil before leaving for the University of New Hampshire last week.

Industrial Oil

By Ann Heath

If Nancy Barschdorf has to sit on a hot plate now to keep her warm, what is she going to do when winter comes?

We will miss Alma Haley who has left us to take care of her mother who is ill. Hope your mother gets well soon, Alma.

Nellie Hall has returned from her vacation and is she "on the ball"?

The bowling season opened with a bang the other night and everyone had a good time. It was good to get together again.

Pat Clermont looks just lovely in her new hairdo.

Wire Coating

By Corena Troto

Betty Jangrow is celebrating her birthday this month. Happy Birthday, Betty.

"Pete" LePage has quite a problem in the form of six baby ducks. What does one do with baby ducks this time of year?

Henry Puppola has returned to school. We have to give you credit, Henry; you know what you want out of life and aren't afraid to work for it.

Earl Washburne has been showing the latest thing in ties. Pretty slick, Earl.

P.A.A. ROLLING

By Rita Siciliano

A hearty welcome to all the new girls from all of us.

Anne Vivori is standing up well under the terrific strain of being initiated into the Rollers Club. Anne is certainly a wonderful sport.

We all wondered why Ellen McCarthy was so concerned about her wrist watch until the story leaked out. At a party held at Helen Cutler's summer camp in Cheshire, Ellen and Laddie Meranti were enjoying a canoe ride when the canoe tipped over near the shore. Both girls were fully dressed and Ellen had a new hairdo. To make the story short, turkish towels were much in evidence for the rest of the evening; Ellen's watch could be seen drying in the breeze.

All reports are that Mollie Scerbo is convalescing speedily at her home after a recent appendectomy. Hope you will be back with us soon, Mollie.

Julia Ameen certainly took the whole department by surprise when she eloped with Mike Haddad. Best of luck to you, Julia, from the whole gang.

Laddie Meranti's favorite story is the one about the two Scotchmen, Nit and Wit, who had a bet of a quarter as to who could stay under the water the longest. They both drowned.

Resistors - - Navy Line

By Mary Bua

Happy Birthday to Amelia Lewis who doesn't look a day over sixteen. Yet, she is going to vote this year.

David Trombley, you can not expect to be named as one of the ten best dressed men if you keep ripping your shirts the way you do.

Number 1 baby sitter is Blanche Tatrow who is not afraid of burglars, she says.

Welcome to this department, three new faces: Ellen Gregory, Ceilia Meranti and Elizabeth Hyndman. We hope you enjoy your stay with us.

Molded Tubulars--Night Shift

By Gladys Kirkpatrick

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new girls in our department. We all hope you enjoy it here with us. We like having you.

Salena Ziter, better known as Rachel in our department, insists on calling me "Gail". Keep it up "R".

We now have four new trouble-shooters in our department: Rita Pedrin, Sylvia Beaudin, Anna Deeb and Mabel Lewitt. Congratulations, girls.

When it comes to backseat driving, Lillian Forbush's son is doing all right even if he did start a little early. He is only three years old.

Jennie Romeo, when did you start driving without lights at night? We also hear that Anna Deeb nearly fell out of the car when the door was partly opened and, to top it all off, when she was trying to pass the police cruiser. Cheer up, Angelina, we know you were in a hurry to get home.

The girls on Eyelets had a fudge party recently. Thanks go to Virginia Thompson who makes the most delicious fudge. Let's have another one real soon, girls.

Bertha Shepard and "Pep" Campedelli are with us again after an extended leave of absence. It's good to have you with us again.

It must be tough for a youngster like Rich DiLorenzo to be working with all these women; he calls us "fuddy-duddies". My, my, Richard, don't let us get you down.

Don't be surprised to find Betty Busby and Ruth Richmond on top of Betty's house if you call on them. They are building a new roof. You know what the saying is, girls—Jack of all trades.

Rachael Montagna is having a tough job getting a good counter. It seems the Police Department has had hers since Children's Day and Rachael hasn't been able to get one that counts accurately. Cheer up, Rachael. The girls will gladly help you count.

Ralph Kleiner has been going around with that look of defeat ever since the Red Sox lost. There is still another year, Ralph.

Weddings - - -

HINKELL - PUTNEY

Miss Joanna Marie Putney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ransome F. Putney of Pittsfield, and Edmond M. Hinkell of Middle Road, Clarksburg were married on September 18 in the Little Flower Church, Pittsfield. The bridegroom is employed in the Machine Shop at Beaver Street.

LANOUE - RHODES

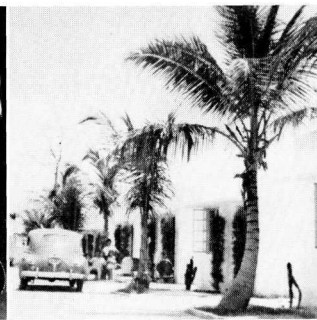
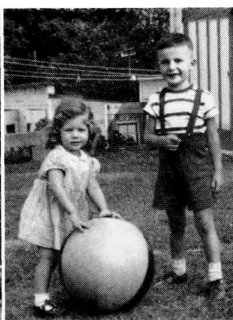
Miss Geraldine Mary Rhodes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Rhodes, of 521 Ashland Street and Albert Edmund Lanoue, son of Mrs. Raymond Lanoue of 140 Cliff Street, were married on September 25 in St. Francis Church. The bride is employed in the Mica Department.

Engagements . .

The engagement of Miss Mary A. Mahoney of Prokar to John B. Tassone has been announced. The wedding will take place on October 23 in St. Francis Church.

Mr. and Mrs. George Roy have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia to Edward F. Trzcinski, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Trzcinski. The wedding will take place October 9 in St. Thomas Church.

Do you know where your Group insurance certificate is located? If not, you had better find it—and put it away in a safe and accessible place. Make sure that other members of your family know where it is, too. And while you're at it, better read the certificate through so you understand what protection and benefits are available.



Jane Dufraine of PAA Soldering; The flume that carries water from Searsburg Dam to the Harriman Dam in Whitingham; Maryann Mousseau and John Brunesseau, grandchildren of Marguerite Walsh of Industrial Oil; Hon and Dot the WMNB musical team. Dot is in Molding; Mary Troia and Enis Montagna of Paper Rolling spent their vacations at this villa in Miami, Florida.

MERIT AWARD

Sprague Electric Company won a merit award in the recent contest sponsored by the Associated Industries of Massachusetts to determine the best annual financial report furnished employees by corporations. Awards in the contest, the first of its kind in the nation, will be presented October 21 at the Hotel Statler in Boston.

Fifteen-Twenty Year Dinner

Plans are under way for the Fifteen-Twenty Year Dinner to be held at the Richmond Hotel on October 26. This dinner will honor all employees who have been with Sprague Electric Company for fifteen years, or more as of Oct. 1, 1948, and will include husbands and wives of these employees. This means some two hundred and fifty guests will be gathered around the tables for a good evening of relaxation. Details will be announced in the next issue of the LOG.

Ask Mr. Russell

Our sports reporter, Kenny Russell, has done it again! Last April, Kenny predicted the Major League standings for the Autumn season. Just in case we have forgotten how he rated them, we are reprinting his predictions along with the standings at the end of the season. It looks as if Kenny really knows baseball.

Kenny's predictions:

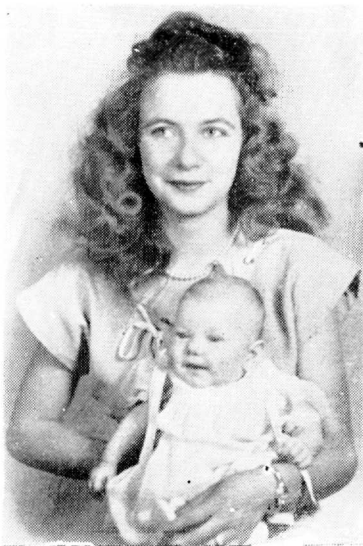
The American League:

- (1)—Boston Red Sox
- (2)—N. Y. Yankees
- (3)—Cleveland Indians
- (4)—Detroit Tigers
- (5)—Philadelphia Athletics
- (6)—Chicago White Sox
- (7)—Washington Senators
- (8)—St. Louis Browns

The National League:

- (1)—Boston Braves
- (2)—N. Y. Giants
- (3)—St. Louis Cardinals
- (4)—Brooklyn Dodgers
- (5)—Cincinnati Reds
- (6)—Philadelphia Phillies
- (7)—Pittsburgh Pirates
- (8)—Chicago Cubs

Smoking in bed is a good habit to stay away from. According to the statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, it stands out as a leading cause of fatal burns in the home. And men are the worst offenders.



Patricia Lampiasi and three-month-old daughter, Patty. Patricia's mother, Dot Marlow is employed in Paper Ignition.

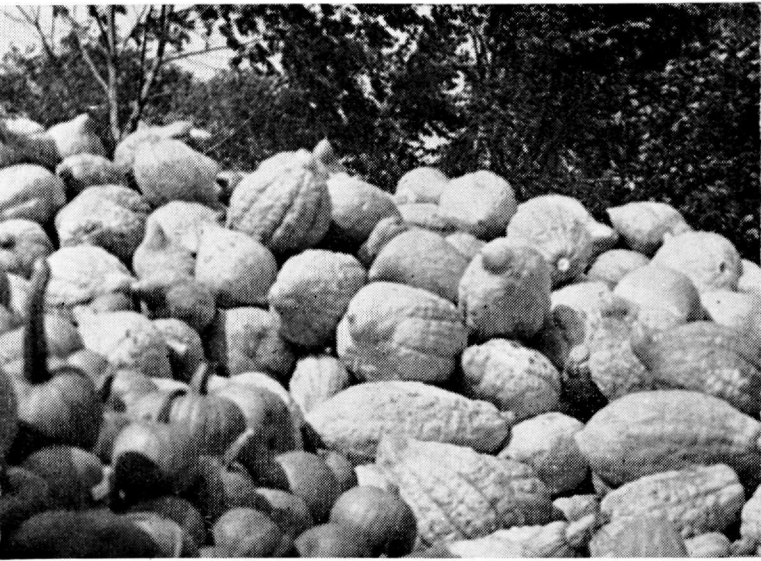
Pitchers

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industries." The first drying-up is in those lines where wages are a very big part of total expenses. This means the amount of business that must be done just to meet expenses—such as wages, cost of materials, fuel and light, insurance, interest on debts and the hundred and one other items of expense. That "nut" has been going upward and upward. Most firms must do from two to five times as much total business as they did before the war—just to break even. Inflation has enabled most of them to do it. But can it continue?

And it doesn't just rub the boss—it can be painfully irritating to his employees. Smart workers will surely start recognizing this fact; for if they don't there'll be trouble. With the break-even point so high, a small drop in business volume can bring serious difficulties. No firm except those few which have been able to earn and keep big reserves can run very long when income falls below outgo. Each business has a saturation point beyond which income can't be raised, either through more sales or higher prices. If "the nut" passes that point, then it's a matter of cutting expenses or going broke. Here, then, is where the troubles of the boss become very much those of the workers. For every major effort to cut expenses must ultimately involve the biggest item of pay roll and number of workers. So, in their own interest—not for love of the boss—workers must begin to understand that the only safe employer is one who is making a profit. There is no ever-flowing pitcher, but lots of broken ones.

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A Berkshire Harvest picture taken by our Staff Photographer on one of his rambles.

SPORTS . . .

FOOTBALL

Colleges: Now that the Fall campaign is in full swing let's take a swing in the various sections of the country.

East:—Here in the East, Army, Penn. State, and Penn. U. have come up with the 3 outstanding elevens. Army has shown a lot of power in winning its two starts. Penn. State has a veteran squad that played that thrilling tie game in the Cotton Bowl with So. Methodist. Although Penn. U. lost a couple of key men, able substitutes will lessen the loss. Elsewhere in the East—other top teams are: Cornell, Princeton, Navy, Columbia, with two dark horses, Harvard and Holy Cross. Boston College has also looked good in two games.

South:—North Carolina's "Tar Heels" are just about the class of the Southern section. Old "Miss" the "Rebels" are also a standout. Georgia Tech's "Yellow Jackets" are another threat. Duke and Tennessee are dark horses.

Southwest:—Down in Dallas, So. Methodist is the tops in the Cowboy section of the country. The "Mustangs" are loaded with talent and will be mighty hard to beat. Texas will be strong but must find someone to replace Bobby Layne — the great triple-threat star. Arkansas, Baylor and Texas Christian will all be testing the strength of our first mentioned "Mustangs" and "Longhorns".

Mid-west:—Notre Dame again will field a great eleven. Whether or not the "Irish" will go through undefeated will depend largely on the shoulders of the boys who will try to step into the vacated position formerly held by Johnny Lujack. With a veteran line and a good passer Notre Dame will again reach football supremacy. Michigan will again be strong but will be severely challenged by Northwestern Minnesota and Purdue.

Far-west:—Out in sunny California—the team to beat must be the California "Golden Bears". This team all ready has unleashed its vaunted power on Navy and St. Marys. There are only two threats to the Bears and they are the "Trojans" of So. California and the "Uclans" from U.C.L.A. Oregon U. and Washington remain as the dark horses in the field.

New England - Small Colleges:—During most of the football season many fine small college elevens are left unheralded because they are more or less obscure, in the national lime light. However here in New England we have some great small college elevens. Connecticut is a standout; New Hampshire has top rating and Wesleyan—champion for the past three years in "The Little Three" are once more bidding for recognition.

Here in the Berkshires, nestling at the foothills of Mt. Greylock is the campus of Williams College. As we're located 5 miles or so from the home of the Eph men, interest in college sports for local fans begins here. This year the Williams College Football team has a new Coach, Len Waters, former High School Coach at White Plains, N. Y. Although the alumni and student body do not expect miracles overnight, confidence prevails that come another season and this group of sophomores under a year's training as only Len Waters and his staff can teach them; the Purple will again rise to its rightful place at the top of the N. E. small college elevens. There are only 4 seniors on the present roster. One is the quarter-back — Capt. Dick Whitney and the remaining three are reserves. So far this season

the Williams eleven has broken even in two contests. In its opener the Purple turned back a mediocre Norwich team, 14-0. However on the following Saturday a veteran Trinity eleven that packed too many guns submerged a gallant but inexperienced Williams team 33-6. The fact that Williams even scored was quite a bit of satisfaction to the Purple and its followers.

As you fans have probably seen in the papers the forming of the Quarter-back Club, I will not go into any details on the subject. However, let me say that any sport fan or interested person who cares to attend is heartily welcome. Each week the Coach and his Staff from Williams College will speak about the College team and show motion pictures taken at each game during the season. Each session begins promptly at 12:10 with a Luncheon served during the 1 hour run. We would like to express our thanks to "Tank" Wilson who originated the idea and to "Kit" Carson who so ably presides at these grand sessions.



GIRLS' BOWLING LEAGUE

September 28, 1948

Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Beaverettes.....	6	0	1000
Industrial Oils.....	6	0	1000
Independents.....	6	0	1000
W. E. Rollers.....	6	0	1000
Paper Ignition.....	0	6	.000
Dry Rolling.....	0	6	.000
Gutter Girls.....	0	6	.000
D. T. Q.....	0	6	.000

High team triple —Beaverettes—1315
High team single—Ind. Oils—449
High ind. single—Clara Baliakos—106
High ind. triple—Clara Baliakos—295

EIGHT TOP BOWLERS

As of September 28, 1948

Name and Team	Ave.	Stgs.
I. Witherow, Ind. Oils	92.1	3
C. Baliakos, Beaverettes	90.4	6
B. Garceau, Independents	87	3
R. Rungay, W. E. Rollers	86.4	6
A. O'Gradey, Paper Ign.	82.2	6
T. Pinsonneault, Dry Roll.	82.4	6
C. Risch, D. T. Q.	82.2	6
T. Pinsonneault, Gutter Girls	80	6



The season is over but the memory lingers on. Tank Wilson pitches a low one.

Kenny Russell

SPRAGUE ELECTRIC Men's Bowling League Standing

As of September 30, 1948

Teams	Won	Lost	Pct.
6.....	6	0	1000
3.....	4	2	.666
4.....	4	2	.666
1.....	3	3	.500
7.....	3	3	.500
8.....	3	3	.500
2.....	2	4	.333
5.....	2	4	.333
10.....	2	4	.333
9.....	1	5	.166

High team total 4—1396
High team single 8—505
High ind. triple 1—323 D. Gardzina
High ind. single 1—124 D. Gardzina
Most strikes 2—5 R. Bentley

MAJOR LEAGUE Final Standings

American League:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Cleveland Indians.....	97	58	.625
Boston Red Sox.....	96	59	.619
New York Yankees.....	94	60	.610
Phila. Athletics.....	84	70	.545
Detroit Tigers.....	78	76	.506
St. Louis Browns.....	59	94	.386
Washington Senators.....	56	97	.366
Chicago White Sox.....	51	101	.336

National League:

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Boston Braves.....	91	62	.595
St. Louis Cardinals.....	85	69	.552
Brooklyn Dodgers.....	84	70	.545
Pittsburgh Pirates.....	83	71	.539
New York Giants.....	78	76	.506
Phila. Phillies.....	66	88	.429
Cincinnati Reds.....	64	89	.418
Chicago Cubs.....	64	90	.416

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Maynard are the parents of a daughter born September 30. The father is employed in the Warehouse.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blanchard are the parents of a son born September 12. The mother is Dot of Block Test.

Mr. and Mrs. Gusti Arrighini announce the birth of a daughter on September 17. The mother is Ruth of Block Test.

How long is it since you have been to the dentist? If it is more than six months, plan to make an appointment today. Remember that if you keep putting it off, someday you may have to go when it will be neither pleasant nor inexpensive.